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In response to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2001, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire on April 20, 2001, the period for response not being extended for more than one month, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claim 1, for prosecution at this time. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application based on claims 2-11. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

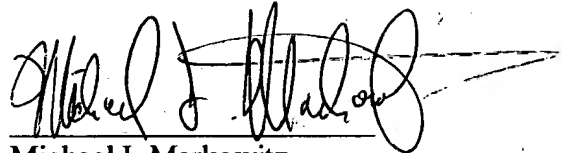
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